

NEBRASKA STATE FIRE MARSHAL OFFICIAL INTERPRETATION



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Section(s): Article 400-8, 517, 110-3(b)

Comments:

Applies to all new and existing health care occupancies only; includes assisted living facilities (ALF) classified as Limited Care Facilities and Ambulatory Health Care Occupancies. Does not apply to ALF classified as Residential Board and Care Occupancies.

Question: Are relocatable power taps permitted in health care occupancies?

Response:

Relocatable power taps are not permitted in areas of health care occupancies regularly occupied by patients. This includes general patient care areas and critical patient care areas.

General care areas include patient bedrooms, examining rooms, treatment rooms, clinics and similar areas where it is intended that the patient will come in contact with ordinary appliances such as nurse call systems, electrical beds, examining lamps, telephones and entertainment devices such as radios, televisions and computers. This will also include common spaces such as corridors, lounges, dining rooms and similarly occupied spaces where electrical appliances noted above may be found.

Critical patient care areas are: intensive care units, coronary care units, angiography labs, cardiac catheterization labs, delivery rooms, operating rooms, post anesthesia recovery rooms and emergency rooms.

In areas not occupied by patients, properly listed portable power taps are permitted. This can include business offices and staff lounges and similar spaces.

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